

Minutes

State Medevac Committee

July 13, 2006

Called to order at 10:00

Adjourned at 12:50

Location: The Place at Innsbrook

www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems/Trauma/Medevac.asp

Meeting called by:
Randy Abernathy

Chair: Randy Abernathy

OEMS Staff: Paul Sharpe, Gary Brown, Russ Stamm, Jodi Kuhn, Christy Saldana.

Attendees: Allen C. Wolfe Jr., Bob Knox, Jay Cullen, Gregory Jones, Christopher Cannon, Brett Dodd, Wayne Perry, Brett Henyon, Michael Ortega, John Bianco, Darryl Lazar, Chris Perkins, Chris Puckett, Davis Stamey, Tim Pickering, Kay Eliason, Joseph Lo Preto, Jeff Hamilton, John Ratliff, Karen Hamilton, Linda Sayles, Lisa Clapp, Maggie McCauley, Peter Martin and robin Davis.

Agenda Topics

Introductions

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting and in hard copy format at the meeting. Robin Davis motioned to accept the minutes as presented, second by Bob Knox. The July 13, 2006 minutes were accepted unanimously.

Chair Report

The draft air medical regulations remain under review by the Attorney Generals Office. A reminder that the NOIRA process typically is an eighteen month process. Some recent air medical publications include a report from the Institute of Medicine and an article by Brian Bledsoe. Both documents are posted on the OEMS [Medevac web page](#).

OEMS Report

The statewide trauma triage plan has been revised. The state plan serves as a template for the EMS Regional Councils to develop uniform regional trauma plans. Agencies are encouraged to participate with regional trauma PI committees.

OEMS has not received an update from the AG's office on the draft regulations. We continue to work with the Medevac Best Practices Committee to address issues that were not addressed through the draft regulations.

In addition to the draft regulations and Best Practices Committee efforts, OEMS will be reviewing and revising the Medevac Authority Bill (HB1243) that was introduced during the 2001 and 2003 Legislative Sessions. It is OEMS' intent to support enabling legislation that will allow a systems approach Medevac service in Virginia. (a hardcopy of HB 1243 was provided)

The Chair nominated Terry Austin, Robin Davis, Maggie McCauley and Bob Knox to assist OEMS with reviewing the current language in the Authority Bill vs. current system needs. The OEMS will be attempting to enter this enabling legislation into the 2007 GA.

Best Practices Committee

Robin Davis; the Best Practices Committee met on July 6th. Robin Davis presented the first Best Practice on communications. The document included guidelines for multiple aircraft responses and included topics such as, LZ requirements, radio communications and education. The committee was provided the opportunity to provide feedback, none was given.

Robin encouraged all agencies to participate in the best practices effort. There have only been a few

agencies that have been participating. This is an opportunity to help develop the Medevac system and not have it dictated by the state.

The Chair reminded the group that the IOM report, and others, are identifying air medical systems as fragmented and calling for states to step in and assume their role as lead agencies.

Bob Knox discussed that there are also position papers specifically addressing issues such as medical necessity and that these papers are very long, very specific and do we want to have 22 page guidelines?

Use of helicopters should be time and procedure driven; out of hospital time will need to be addressed as well. Level of care was suggested to be included, guidelines need to be meaningful and simple.

New Business

Chair – opened discussion on how the committee would like to handle sharing important information that effects the system, such as, crashes. The Chair request members bring ideas on this topic to the next meeting.

Old Business

Russ Stamm stated he hoped to have an update on the web based LZ directory in the near future.

Scheduled Meetings

2007 Meeting Schedule:

January 25, 2007

April 26, 2007

July 26, 2007

October 25, 2007